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#### **Medina claims victory** in Dominican **Republic Presidential** vote



Ruling party candidate Danilo Medina (R) celebrates after learning the results of the presidential elections in Santo

SANTO DOMINGO (AFP) -Ruling party candidate Danilo Medina claimed victory Monday in the Dominican Republic's presidential elections, after official results showed him beating former president Hipolito Mejia.

Medina was leading with 51.2 percent of the vote to 46.9 percent for ex-president Hipolito Mejia, with more than 99 percent of the precincts accounted for, electoral authorities said.

"Today, thanks to the sovereign decision of the Dominican people, I am president of all Dominicans," Medina wrote on his Twitter account.

Medina, 60, is representing the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD) of outgoing President Leonel Fernandez, who has served three terms in office. His running mate is the president's wife, Margarita Cedeno.

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#### Get your tickets now! **Soul Beach Music Festival** 2012 is this weekend!

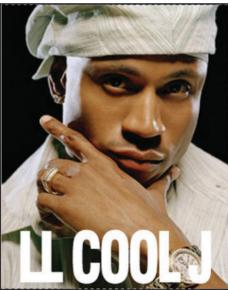
Back again for 5 days of great parties, concerts and media and celebrity encounters, is the 12th Aruban edition of the Soul Beach Music Festival. Three amazing concerts surrounded by parties on Nikki Beach and afterparties stretching late into the night will begin on Wednesday, May 23 and finish on Sunday, May 27. The combination of Aruba and the traditionally top talents has made it the Memorial Day Weekend must-do for the festival's veteran patrons, guaranteeing a great time and entertainment for all.

Festival Producer Mark Adkins officially announced the line-up yesterday afternoon. Headliners this year include LL Cool J and Ledisi performing on Saturday night, and R Kelly and Melanie Fiona finishing the festival with a flourish on Sunday. Friday night will open the weekend with Soul Beach Comedy Jam" featuring the hottest names on the comedy circuit.

#### Saturday, May 26 Line LL COOL J:

Nearly 25 years since he first burst onto the scene, LL Cool J continues his vibrant, trailblazing career with the release of EXIT 13, his appropriately titled 13th album for the only label he has called home - Def Jam Recordings.

What began for LL Cool J in the nascent, burgeoning rap and hip hop scene of the 80's, has now seeped throughout the musical and cultural phenomenon that is today's hip hop. All the while, LL Cool J has remained a musical and cultural force, a



living icon and a significant, relevant artist still churning out the hits.

As an entertainer, he has succeeded in crossing into multiple mediums. Already a talented actor, author, recording artist, two-time Grammy Award winner and NAACP Image Award winner, LL continues to display his wide range of talents in his projects.

An accomplished actor, he has appeared in more than 30 films and starred opposite acclaimed actors such as Samuel L. Jackson and Colin Farrell in Sony Pictures blockbuster "S.W.A.T.," Al

Pacino, Jamie Foxx and Cameron Diaz in Oliver Stone's "Any Given Sunday," and Gabrielle Union in Focus Features' "Deliver Us from Eva." Other film credits include "Rollerball," "Charlie's Angels," "Kingdom Come," "In Too Deep," "Kingdom "Toys," and "Slow Burn," with Ray Liotta. He has also received a Blockbuster Award for best comedic performance as the "Chef" in Renny Harlin's blockbuster action film "Deep Blue Sea."

Three years ago, LL transitioned to television with a dramatic and critically acclaimed performance on the second season premiere of FOX's hit drama "House." He recently guest starred on the NBC comedy "30 Rock" in a memorable performance as hip hop mogul Ridiculous. He currently has a new dramatic television series is in development at CBS.

Among a number of books he has authored, including a children's book, he penned a 1997 autobiography, "I Make My Own Rules.'

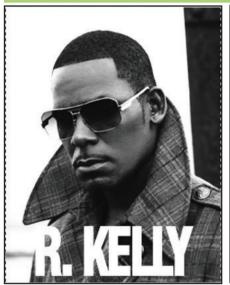
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**LEDISI:** 

With her new album PIECES OF ME, Ledisi un-doubtedly proves that she is a woman to know. Loaded with emotion and charged with unparalleled soul, this record adds another dimension to the persona the singer has been sharing with audiences since her explosive entrance on the music scene a few short years ago.

Following her last two critically acclaimed albums-2007's breakthrough hit Lost and Found, which was nominated for two Grammy® awards including Best New Artist, and 2009's rock & funk, attention-stealing Turn Me Loose, which also garnered two Grammy® nods

and a No. 1 debut position on the Billboard R&B chart -PIECES OF ME is a natural progression for a singer possessing an involuntary penchant for growth.

Born in New Orleans and raised in Oakland, CA, where she says she developed ambition, drive and an appreciation for opera, gospel and R&B, Ledisi struggled for years. After constant rejection from recording companies, she and a partner formed their own label on which they released two independent albums, both of which gained national attention, resulting in her 2007 major label deal with Verve. "PIECES OF ME" is a culmination of the challenges she's experienced and lessons she's



learned.

R. KELLY:

The three-time Grammy winning

king of R&B makes music of epic proportions. After 18 years of star-

multi-instrumentalist, producer and vocalist continues to forge an artistic path that caters to fantasy and captures the hearts of adoring fans, which is in essence, how an artist sells over 34 million records, and wears the crown

of a king.

The charts are telling of the Chicago native's storied success— six #1 albums, 11 #1 singles, and 12 consecutive platinum albums. Yet, beyond the numbers is his vital contribution to the soul music continuum. R. Kelly's musical tome is ripe with scintillating delivery and stirring rhythms that outlast thinner melodies by fleeting one-hit sensations. In one moment, he is the virtuoso that delves into slow, deep delicious seduction, and the next finds him the sexy showman at the center of the party, in full body-rocking up-tempo flavor. From the tantalizing 8-times platinum R., to the Grammy-award winning anthem "I Believe I Can Fly," to his recent hit single "I'm a Flirt" with Bow Wow, which garnered a 2008 ASCAP Rhythm and Soul Music Award, R. Kelly is the essence of true R&B.

As a songwriter, he revisits simple but profound aspects of the human experience – love, lust, desire, joy and pain that define classical art and drama. He applies his concept to rich, full vocals that exude his intended effect. This precise craftsmanship led to a 2006 Stevie Wonder Award for Outstanding Achievements in

and a strong sense of family translates to her team. Though Fiona had been writing her own songs for years, the introduction of songwriter Andrea Martin would prove seminal for The Bridge. "When I met Andrea, it was an instant connection," she explains. "We developed this very personal working relationship where we were both inspired by each

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Song Writing at the Soul Train Awards.

MELANIE FIONA

Singer/songwriter Melanie Fiona's debut album The Bridge reveals a sweet push-and-pull between countless elements of herself; at once Canadian and Caribbean, strong and sexy, contemplative and joyous, blending the sounds of pop and soul. Despite the many moods and musings of Melanie Fiona's debut, all agree there is one defining element: the girl's got soul.

Born to Guyanese immigrant parents and growing up in a music-filled house in the inner city of Toronto, Fiona knew from the very beginning that music is what moves her

other." Sharing each other's life experiences, they collaborated on some of the defining songs in the collection. Other producers on the album include UK producers Future Cut, Florida's Vada Nobles, LA's The Stereotypes, NYC's J. Phoenix, Peter Wade, and Salaam Remi, Andrew Wyatt, Rob Fusari, and Angela Hunte.

This experience never happen for me again," she muses. "I'll never be a new artist again. I'll never be a complete and utter student of the game." Whatever may come when The Bridge releases on Steve Rifkind's SRC/ Motown Universal Records in Fall 2009, Fiona is poised and ready.

By Rosalie Klein



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## For its new "Blessed Village" rehab center ATSA Supports the Adopt an Addict Foundation



With the Adopt an Addict Foundation's new planned project, called "Blessed Village", the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA) is renewing its commitment towards this invaluable foundation. At a recent luncheon, the ATSA Board. represented by Jan van Nes (president), Andy Osbourne (vice-president), Freddy Albertus (treasurer) and Aisa van der Biezen (secretary), met with Foundation President Audrey Lacle, who explained plans to acquire a property in Noord, with enough land on which to build a safe house, where recovering residents can also be active in working the land.

For the project, Mrs. Lacle also found an enthusiasm re-

sponse from local architect Raffy Kock, who together with his team Ambar Maduro, Milangela Quandus and Teamleader Rita Werleman, put together a complete concept project dossier for "The Blessed Village" rehab center. The compound would be able to accommodate around 120 clients.

Discussions during the luncheon proved fruitful with ATSA reconfirming its support of the Adopt an Addict foundation. ATSA Vice President Andy Osbourne presented a check for Afl. 8,640 to assist the Blessed Village initiative. Since the success of such a project will also be beneficial to the overall community of Aruba, it was agreed upon that the Founda-

tion will prepare a project dossier to be submitted to the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund.

ATSA was established in 1994, and currently counts the active membership of fifteen timeshare properties in Aruba. At the most recent American Resort Development Association (ARDA) Convention, held in Las Vegas, Howard Nusbaum, President & CEO of ARDA commented: "Working to-

gether for many years, ARDA has gained a strong level of trust and respect in the leadership of the Aruba Timeshare Association (ATSA). This partnership has provided both organizations the opportunity to share information, knowledge, and resources which has served the interests of developers and owners in Aruba and the United States alike."

On the local level, ATSA conducts a strong lobby on behalf of the almost 350,000

annual timeshare visitors that consider Aruba their second home. Among its many goals, ATSA endeavors to have a positive affect on Aruba's tourism as well as works to support community goals. One of the ways it accomplishes this is in the support of foundations such as Adopt an Addict. Two years ago, ATSA assisted this program by being the sponsor for two recovering addicts, who sought treatment in the Dominican Republic.

## **Extensive youth program in the works** for the upcoming Summer vacation



The government and the Team of the BoBario program is working full time on a complete program geared to young people intended for the upcoming Summer school vacation. The Summer school vacation will include a long list of activities already taking place in various Barrios. During the school vacation these activities will be intensified.

The intention with this program is to create healthy forms of recreation for the citizens in our Barrios, and specifically for our young people. They will be organizing activities like Film Nights, Panabol Games in the Barrios and Storytelling gatherings. Even the Health Bus will be driving through each Barrio during the vacation period.

In addition to the above, the government is also contemplating presenting a series of dynamic lectures to offer our young people.

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## A delightful Mother's Day at Paseo Herencia





Families choosing to treat Mom to a special day at Paseo Herencia enjoyed their evening at any of several



eateries accompanied by entertainment by renowned saxophonist Jean Paul Carrasquilla. His vast repertoire includes every sort of music, and his jazz and pop renditions had island residents and visitors rising from their seats to dance.

The multitude of shops and restaurants in the popular mall featured special offers for the Queen of the House and family to enjoy. All agreed: Mother's Day at Paseo Herencia was a resounding success!

Stay tuned for Father's Day activities coming up, with live entertainment at the Paseo Plaza Padu and other great deals in stores and restaurants; fit for a king!

## Avengers outgun 'Battleship,' stay atop US box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Record-breaking blockbuster "The Avengers" stayed atop North America's box offices for a third straight week, easily outgunning new arrival "Battleship," industry data showed Monday.

The comic book superhero blockbuster made \$55.6 million over the weekend in North America, said box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

The film has become the highest-grossing movie in Walt Disney Studios history with global earnings so far of \$1.18 billion, the fourth highest total of all time, it said.

"The Avengers" pounded new release "Battleship," which earned the number two spot and about \$25.5 million in its debut weekend.

Trailing "Battleship" was comedian Sacha Baron Cohen's wacky "The Dictator," which scored a third place finish and \$17.4 million in its premier weekend.

Next was Tim Burton's new Johnny Depp vampire flick "Dark Shadows," in fourth place with \$12.6 million.

Newcomer "What to Expect When You're Expecting" opened in fifth place with \$10.5 million, followed by "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel," a comedic drama about British retirees in India, that netted \$3.2 million.

In the seventh spot was smash action hit "The Hunger Games." The movie, starring Jennifer Lawrence, earned \$3.0 million and has raked in more than \$387 million in North America since its opening.

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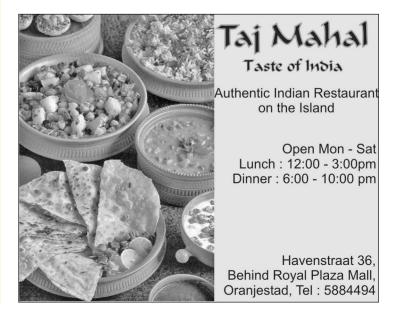
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The various topics will be topics of interest especially chosen for this group of citizens.

The entire program will be under the auspices of the Bo-Bario Team in cooperation with the different government departments.

Each of the planned events will take place during the period of 9 to 27 of July. The activities will be held in clubs or other areas yet to be decided upon. The primary goal of the program is to keep our young people active in the most healty ways possible during the school vacation. It will allso be an excellent experience for those not going abroad for vaction this year.





#### Bollywood star Shetty has baby boy



MUMBAI (AFP) - Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty, who shot to global fame when she was subjected to allegedly racist taunts on Britain's "Celebrity Big Brother" television series, gave birth to a baby boy on Monday.

"God has blessed us with a beautiful baby boy. Both mother and baby are fine. I am thrilled to bits," her husband Raj Kundra announced on Twitter.

In another tweet he thanked staff at the Hinduja Hospital in suburban Mumbai where the baby was born

Shetty, 36, who together with Kundra owns a stake in the Indian Premier League cricket team Rajasthan Royals, was the victim of allegedly racist bullying by the late Jade Goody during the 2007 "Celebrity Big Brother" reality series.

The controversy sparked international headlines, and Shetty went on to win the series.

Shetty has not broken through into major film roles, but she has remained one of Bollywood's most talked-about and photographed figures.

She also caused a stir when she locked lips with American actor Richard Gere at an AIDS awareness event in 2007, leading an Indian judge to issue an arrest warrant against him.



#### Today is International Day for Biological Diversity

The United Nations proclaimed May 22 The International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. Events celebrating IBD take place Worldwide and this is its 11th year. The theme for this year is Marine Biodiversity.

Biodiversity is the degree of variation of life forms within a given species, ecosystem, biome, or an entire planet. Biodiversity is a measure of the health of



ecosystems. Biodiversity is in part a function of climate. In terrestrial habitats, tropical regions are typically rich whereas polar regions support fewer species.

Rapid environmental

changes typically cause mass extinctions. One estimate is that less than 1% of the species that have existed on Earth are extant

The Aruban community are very much in contact with

the marine life, and it is important to reflect how each one of us can protect this.

It is of utmost importance for us to take care of the different life forms on Aruba, we must understand that this affects each and everyone of

We can all make a difference, starting by being aware of the little things such as keeping our beaches, waters, mondis and our yards clean.

There are a variation of plants and animals on our is-

land, which we must fight to protect.

We have a commitment towards our environment and especially our Marine Life which is such an essential part of the Aruban Community.

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#### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

#### **International News**

#### Iran starts legal case against Reuters

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iranian authorities said on Monday they have formally started legal proceedings against the international news agency Reuters, after suspending its Tehran bureau over a report about female ninjas.

"The final decision on Reuters resuming its activities in Tehran depends on the court's verdict," Mohammad Javad Aghajari, the head of the foreign media section of the culture ministry, was quoted as saying by the official Islamic News Agency Republic (IRNA).

A Reuters statement said the news agency has apologised for the ninja story and retracted it.

It protested a travel ban placed on the Reuters bureau chief in Tehran, Parisa Hafezi, who had been forced to hand in her Iranian passport as part of bail conditions imposed by an investigating magistrate pending the court case.

The case stems from a February 16 video report Reuters did on a group of female ninjas training in the city of Karaj, west of Tehran.

The women and the head of the ninjutsu club featured in the report objected that they were mischaracterised as killers in the story's original headline, which read "Thousands of female Ninjas train as

Iran's assassins", and said they would sue for defamation.

Reuters subsequently changed the headline to read "Three thousand women Ninjas train in Iran". It later retracted the report.

Aghajari, quoted by IRNA on April 2, said the culture ministry had suspended the Reuters bureau's operations "indefinitely" because the report falsely insinuated there was "the teaching of assassination and terrorism in Iran."

Reuters' global editor in chief, Stephen Adler, admitted to the New York Times newspaper on March 29 that the headline was "really bad" and was therefore changed.

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Hipólito Mejía

A team of election monitors from the Organization of American States had words of praise for how the balloting was conducted, saying that the Dominican Republic showed "maturity" as a democracy.

Mejia, however, had not yet conceded defeat and officials of his Dominican Revolutionary Party said they would challenge the results.

Earlier, a Mejia spokesman,

Emanuel Esquea, said the Fernandez. former president had won

and vowed: "we will prove this with docu-Mejia, 71, governed from 2000 to 2004 in the country of 10 million inhabitants, which shares the mountainous Hispan-

iola island with Haiti. Four other candidates also ran in the election but had little impact.

The high cost of living, unemployment, corruption and a soaring crime rate were among the top campaign issues.

Economic inequality is another major concern for many of the 6.5 million registered voters, including 328,000 who live abroad, about a third of them in New York.

The Dominican Republic sidestepped the global economic crisis in 2008 but remains mired in poverty despite solid economic growth under

The fact that Fernandez's wife is Medina's running mate reinforces his image as a candidate who will see through the current government's liberal economic policies, promising "safe change".

The Caribbean nation depends heavily on tourism, remittances from Dominicans living overseas, aid from the International Monetary Fund and cheap oil from Venezuela.

Inflation surpassed seven percent in 2011, unemployment was 14.6 percent and 30 percent of its people live in

Mejia has shaped his camaign around promises to fight poverty with social programs and policies to boost agriculture and aid farm workers.

An agronomist by training, Mejia has a strong following among poor farmers, with a down to earth style and rhetoric that helped him win the presidency in 2004, when he defeated Medina.

#### **Supreme Court to** hear electronic eavesdropping case

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear a US government challenge to a lawsuit against its electronic surveillance program, which allows authorities to eavesdrop on Americans' overseas phone calls and emails.

The court agreed to hear the case Clapper vs. Amnesty International, the Barack Obama administration's petition to the US top court in which it seeks to throw out a suit challenging US government monitoring of Ameriinternational cans' communications.

Obama administration lawyers appealed to the highest US court on behalf of James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, and maintains that because the surveillance targets foreigners, the US plaintiffs have no standing to sue.

But Amnesty International, along with other human rights groups, media organizations and attorneys, maintain that they have standing to challenge the wiretapping of overseas suspects because their own private communications could also be intercepted in the electronic monitoring.

The US appeals court in March 2011 allowed the suit challenging the constitutionality of the federal government's electronic surveillance program targeting persons outside the United States.

The court ruled that the plaintiffs bringing the suit had a "reasonable fear" that their sensitive communications could be intercepted and had taken costly measures to avoid such intrusions.

Amnesty, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other plaintiffs maintain that the secret surveillance violates the US Constitution's Fourth Amendment ban on unreasonable searches.

The law at issue is the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) which was passed in the waning days of the George W. Bush administration.

In the 2008 measure, Congress gave the federal government broad powers to monitor international phone calls and emails in hopes of thwarting potential terrorist plots.

The legislation allows extended electronic surveillance of non-Americans believed to be outside the United States and who raised the suspicions of US intelligence officials.

But the plaintiffs in the suit have said they consider the wiretapping to be a form of "dragnet" surveillance which would would likely sweep up private calls and emails of thousands of Americans who are not targets but who have contact with people abroad.







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#### **International News**

#### **Anti-NATO** protesters occupy Chicago streets again



CHICAGO (AFP) - Anti-NATO protesters squared up for another day of demonstrations Monday, only hours after hundreds clashed with batonwielding riot police leading to 45 arrests.

As the leaders of more than 50 nations discussed plans to shore up Afghanistan after NATO's withdrawal in 2014, a couple of hundred protesters occupied the street in front of Boeing's Chicago headquar-

Dozens of people lay down on the road and played dead while a black-clad woman drew chalk outlines around them and a megaphone-wielding man decried Boeing's war profiteering.

They tossed confetti bombs and silly string into the air and chanted "we are unstoppable! Another world is possible!" under the watchful eye of police who guarded barricades that lined the sidewalks and the entrances to Boeing's black stone office tower.

Boeing told employees to work from home on Monday in anticipation of "disruptions" from the protest.

"As long as the protesters remain peaceful and respectful of the police, security, and Boeing personnel who are here today, we respect their rights to express their opinions," spokesman Todd Blecher told

Clashes had erupted late Sunday when a core group ignored orders to clear the streets after thousands held an otherwise peaceful march on the opening day of the NATO

An AFP correspondent saw more than a dozen protesters roughly shoved down onto the ground, handcuffed and hauled away as the angry crowd threw water bottles, wooden sticks and anything else to hand at police clad in riot gear.

News crews captured images of protesters bleeding from head wounds, but officials would not provide information about the number of protesters injured.

A tight security blanket has

been thrown over Chicago, the hometown of US President Barack Obama, which is hosting more than 50 world leaders for the two-day summit.

While police were able to eventually disperse the protesters gathered near the summit, the crowd simply shifted to the central business district where groups roamed the streets until late Sunday night.

Four protesters were arrested earlier in the week on terrorism charges and accused of plotting to toss Molotov cocktails and attack Obama's campaign office, police stations, banks and the home of Chicago mayor Rahm Emmanuel.

#### **Dutch paedophile** creche worker jailed for 18 years

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch court sentenced a former creche worker who sexually assaulted 67 children and produced child pornography to 18 years in prison Monday.

Describing the actions of the 28-year-old man named only as Robert M. as "shocking", judge Frans Bauduin said, "Society must be protected."

M., a Dutch citizen of Latvian origin who had admitted the offences, threw the contents of a glass of water at the judge after being told there were no attenuating circum-

His partner, a 39-year-old Dutchman, was sentenced to six years for possession of child pornography and facilitating the commission of the

Bauduin stressed as aggravating circumstances in M.'s case a previous conviction for possessing child pornography, the length of time over which the offences were committed, and the age of the victims, some of whom "were not yet talking" when he assaulted them.

M. was also sentenced to pay 466,592 euros in damages and his partner 364,604 euros.

Arrested on December 7, he was employed in nurseries in Amsterdam which looked after children aged from a few months to four years between 2007 and 2010.

From 2009 he also acted as a baby-sitter for parents he contacted via the Internet.

## French prosecutors probe Strauss-Kahn rape accusations

LILLE (AFP) - Disgraced former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn's legal woes deepened Monday as French prosecutors opened a preliminary probe into accusations he took part in a gang rape in the

Gang rape carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

A former head of the International Monetary Fund and one-time frontrunner for the French presidency, Strauss-Kahn suffered a stunning fall from grace after his arrest last

vear on accusations he sexually assaulted a New York hotel

The charges were eventually dropped but Strauss-Kahn, 63, has since faced a series of criminal and civil actions in connection with alleged sex crimes.

Strauss-Kahn admits he attended a string of orgies in various cities, but insists he had no idea that many of the female guests were paid to attend, telling police in a reported interview that he may have been





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#### **Health & Living**

#### **HIV** may afflict almost half Asia-Pacific transgenders: UN

BANGKOK (AFP) - Nearly half of transgender people in the Asia-Pacific region could have HIV as poor healthcare and high-risk lifestyles push infection rates to "critical levels", a UN report said Thursday.

The region's estimated 9-9.5 million transgender population is "bearing the brunt of the HIV epidemic", the UN Development Programme study said, adding that figures suggest 49 percent of the community could be infected.

The figure is drawn from anecdotal evidence of infection rates among trans-women -- men who become women -taken from the "scattered and often small-scale research" available across the region. the UNDP said.

Report author Sam Winter, of Hong Kong University, urged governments to take note of the "burning need to address a very human crisis", pointing out many transgender people end up working as prostitutes and having unsafe

"Social exclusion, poverty and HIV infection contribute to what we call a 'stigma sickness slope' -- a downward spiral that is difficult to reverse," he said in the "Lost in Transition" study.

Transgender people also routinely suffer violence and prejudice while being offered narrow economic opportunities and scant psychological support, the report found.

Billed as the region's most comprehensive study, the report collates information from the last 12 years, painting a picture of hardship for many transgender people, who lack basic healthcare and emotional help.

It recorded cases of "backyard" sex change surgery including castration and the widespread use of unsafe industrial silicone for breast implants among those who cannot afford quality health-

Often transgender people leave home at a young age in response to family disapproval, drop out off school because of bullying and struggle to find work, which pushes them into prostitution, it said.

But the study also highlighted positive developments, noting an increasingly confident transgender identity has taken root. It also detected greater will from the community to engage with mainstream services and policy discussions.

"The creation of advocacy networks, community-based organisations and non-government organisations devoted to empowering our communities is a source of joy," according to Thai transgender activist Prempreeda Pramoj Na Ayutthaya.



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#### **World's smallest** artificial heart implanted in Italian baby

ROME (AFP) - Italian doctors in March implanted the smallest ever artificial heart into a 16-month-old baby before the infant received a permanent organ donation said the hospital that performed the operation.

"In March, the smallest artificial heart in the world was implanted at the Bambino Gesu Hospital in Rome," Antonio Amodeo, a senior hospital official, said in a statement.

"The device, a titanium pump weighing only 11 grams and that can endure a flow of up to 1.5 litres per minute, was used in an emergency case of a 16month-old infant suffering from dilated myocardiopathy with a serious infection of the ventricular assistance device that had been implanted previously."

The artificial heart made it possible for the infant. whose identity and sex were not revealed, to survive for 13 days before the baby received a real heart transplant.

"At present, at more than one month from the surgery, the infant is in good health," the statement said.

#### WHO's Chan raises funding squeeze concern

GENEVA (AFP) - Funding pressures and the rise of chronic illnesses such as heart disease are the top "danger zones" for global health in 2012, the head of the World Health Organization, Margaret Chan, said on Monday.

The director general used an address to the World Health Assembly, the annual meeting of the WHO's decision-making body, to warn that squeezed government finances could see the focus stray from the fight against diseases like HIV/AIDS -- where a 2015 target for treatment already looks to be missed.

"Saving a life with a vaccine is unquestionably far cheaper and more immediate than keeping someone with AIDS alive. It is also less demanding on health services," said Chan.
"Taxpayers and parliamen-

tarians want to see quick, tangible, and measurable results that demonstrate payback for the money.

'This can be dangerous, es-

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HIV/AIDS.' Chan said there was "good reason" to believe that a United Nations target of having 15 million people on antiretroviral therapy by 2015 will not be met.

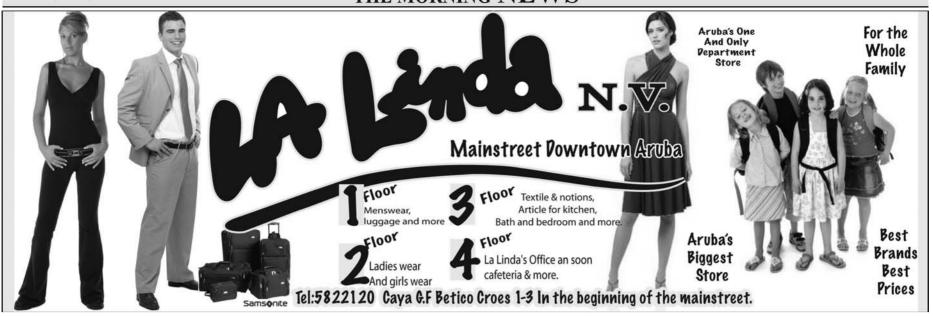
The director general, who is expected to be officially reappointed for a second term on Wednesday, also warned of the "longest dark shadow" over progress in global health: non communicable diseases including cardiovascular disease and diabetes.

WHO statistics released last week showed obesity rates nearly doubled across the globe from 1980 to 2008.

One in three adults suffers from high blood pressure and one in every ten has diabetes.

Chronic diseases are on the rise in developing countries in particular, where people are living longer and where salty, processed foods have become more widespread.





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Founded in 1980, Cleis Press bills itself as the largest queer publisher in the United States, and 70 percent of its erotica sales are digital.

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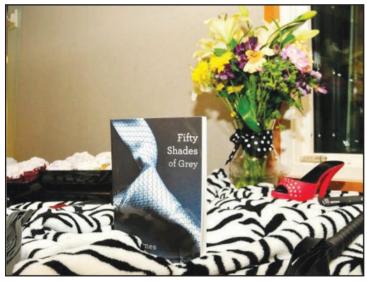
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#### **Sci-Tech**

## Digital media brings erotic books out of the closet



WASHINGTON (AFP) - It seems like yesterday that women's erotica was something to be read in private under the sheets. But no more.

With ebooks like Kindle and Nook enabling discreet downloading and reading, erotic novels for women are swiftly gaining in popularity.

British author E.L. James' "Fifty Shades of Grey" trilogy has been parked atop the New York Times digital bestseller list for weeks, but it's not alone in the genre.

good," said Tina Haveman, founder of eXtasy books, "but the increase has happened over the last few years because of the new ebook readers that have become available."

"Ebooks are cheaper than paperbacks, and easier to buy because of the convenience of the Internet," she added, "and people can read them without having to hide them from prying eyes."

'You could be a mom, like, sitting in the park on a playday

"Sales have always been

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#### **Climate scientists** say they have solved riddle of rising sea



PARIS (AFP) - Massive extraction of groundwater can resolve a puzzle over a rise in sea levels in past decades, scientists in Japan said on Sunday.

Global sea levels rose by an average of 1.8 millimetres (0.07 inches) per year from 1961-2003, according to data from tide gauges.

But the big question is how much of this can be pinned to global warming.

In its landmark 2007 report, the UN's Nobel-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) ascribed 1.1mm (0.04 inches) per year to thermal expansion of the oceans -- water expands when it is heated -- and to meltwater from glaciers, icecaps and the Greenland and Antarctica ice-

That left 0.7mm (0.03) inches) per year unaccounted for, a mystery that left many scientists wondering if the data were correct or if there were some source that had eluded everyone.

In a study published in the journal Nature Geoscience, a team led by Yadu Pokhrel of the University of Tokyo say the answer lies in water that is extracted from underground aquifers, rivers and lakes for human development but is never replenished.

The water eventually makes it to the ocean through rivers and evaporation in the soil, they note.

Groundwater extraction is the main component of additions that account for the mystery gap, according to their paper, which is based on computer modelling.

The probe seeks to fill one of the knowledge gaps in the complex science of climate change.

Researchers admit to many unknowns about how the oceans respond to warming, and one of them is sea-level rise, an important question for hundreds of millions of coastal dwellers.

Just a tiny rise, if repeated year on year, can eventually have a dramatic impact in locations that are vulnerable to storm surges or the influx of saltwater into aquifers or coastal fields.

In its 2007 Fourth Assessment Report, the IPCC said the oceans would rise by between 18 and 59 centimetres (seven to 23 inches) by the century's end.

But this estimate did not factor in meltwater from the mighty Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets.

A study published last year by the Oslo-based Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Project (AMAP) said sea levels would rise, on current melting trends, by 90 cms to 1.6 metres (3.0 to 5.3 feet) by 2100.



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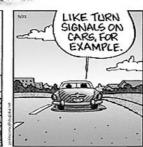
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#### **Finance**

#### **European stocks rebound** on G8 support for Greece

LONDON (AFP) - European stock markets mostly rebounded on Monday as G8 support for Greece to remain in the eurozone boosted sentiment after last week's sharp sell-off, traders said.

benchmark London's FTSE 100 index closed up 0.70 percent to 5,304.48 points after tumbling by five percent last week.

In Frankfurt, the DAX 30 added 0.95 percent to 6,331.04 points and in Paris the CAC 40 gained 0.64 per-cent to 3,027.15 points.

In foreign exchange deals, the euro slid to \$1.2767 from \$1.2773 late in New York on Friday.

The euro had earlier Friday hit a four-month-low of \$1.2642 on deepening worries about the eurozone.

"After five days of consecutive declines core European markets have rebounded today, though Italian and Spanish markets have under-performed," said Michael Hewson, senior market analyst at CMC Markets.

"The gains have been helped by comments from Chinese policymakers that suggested that they could well take measures to help boost growth and boost domestic consumption," he added.

Spain on Monday denied that it needed foreign help for its banks, which are staggering under the mass of loans that turned sour after a 2008 property crash, but tasked two global consulting firms, Roland Berger and Oliver Wyman, with valuing their battered balance sheets.

Economy Minister Luis de Guindos also forecast the



Spanish economy would contract this quarter at the 0.3 percent rate it has for the past half year.

Spanish stocks closed down 0.65 percent.

With the future of Europe's single currency union in trouble, leaders of eight of the world's largest economies called on Greece to stick to the terms of a massive EU-IMF bailout, which is hanging by a thread.

"We agree on the importance of a strong and cohesive eurozone for global stability and recovery," a G8 joint communique stated wrapping up a weekend meeting.

"We affirm our interest in Greece remaining in the eurozone while respecting its commitments."

The G8 club of developed nations comprises Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States.

Germany and France pledged on Monday to do whatever is necessary to keep Greece in the euro fold, as political turmoil in the debtwracked country threatens to force it out of the club.

US stocks moved higher Monday, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average up 0.65 percent to 12,449.42 points in midday trading.

The S&P 500-stock index climbed 0.96 percent to 1,307.68 points, while the tech-rich Nasdaq added 1.28 percent to 2,814.31 points.

However Facebook shares plunged almost 12 percent below their IPO price in early trade Monday, as early buyers sought to cut losses during the stock's first full day of trade.

An hour and a half after the market opened, the shares were changing hands at \$33.67, a 11.9 percent discount from the \$38 initial public offering price, which made Facebook the second largest US IPO of all time.

Over in the Asia-Pacific region, stock markets ended mostly higher on Monday, also following heavy losses last week on eurozone con-

Tokyo gained 0.26 percent, Sydney rose 0.67 percent and Seoul won 0.94 percent. Hong Kong fell 0.16 percent.

Global markets have been sent into a spin this month after May 6 polls in Greece and France saw voters overwhelmingly back anti-austerity parties.

Another election has been called for next month in Greece after several attempts to form a coalition government failed.

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#### **Apple's Cook top-paid US CEO** in 2011: report



NEW YORK (AFP) - Apple chief executive Tim Cook topped the list of the bestpaid CEOs in the US in 2011 thanks to stock options that put him more than \$300 million above his next rival, a Wall Street Journal survey showed Monday.

Cook, who took the helm of the iPhone and iPad maker in August last year, two months before the death of founder Steve Jobs, clocked in total compensation of \$378 million.

Cook earned a paltry 90 cents for his annual salary and 90 cents for his annual incentives.

But he scooped up a cool \$376 million in restricted stock grants, based on Apple's stock price at the time.

Another Silicon Valley big gun, the head of Oracle, Larry Ellison, came in second place with less than a fifth of

Cook's pay, at \$76 million.
The study, conducted by
Hay Group for the Journal
covered the 300 largest US public companies by revenue.

Television broadcaster CBS head Leslie Moonves was in number-three position at \$69 million, followed by the chief executive of struggling retailer JCPenney, Ronald Johnson, who pulled in \$53 million.

Motorola Mobility chief Sanjay Jha was ranked fifth, at \$47 million.

The remainder of the top 10, in descending order, were the CEOs of Citigroup, Via-com, Motorola Solutions, Walt Disney, and Ford Motor, whose Alan Mulally earned \$29 million.

Apple's Cook could see his compensation climb further into the stratosphere this year. Apple shares have leaped 29 percent in the year to date, and on Monday were up 5.5 percent in late New York trade.

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## Bee Gees star Robin Gibb dies aged 62

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LONDON (AFP) - Robin Gibb, singer with the legendary British band the Bee Gees, died on Sunday aged 62 after a lengthy battle against cancer, his family said.

"The family of Robin Gibb, of the Bee Gees, announce with great sadness that Robin passed away today following his long battle with cancer and intestinal surgery," said a family statement.

Barry, Maurice and Robin Gibb scaled the heights of the pop world in the 1970s with disco hits including "How Deep Is Your Love", "Stayin' Alive", and "Night Fever".

The band notched up record sales of more than 200 million since their first hits in the the 1960s.

Gibb underwent bowel surgery 18 months ago for an unrelated condition but a tumour was found and he was diagnosed with cancer of the colon and the liver.

Back in February, Gibb said he had made a "spectacular" recovery from his treatment, sparking hopes that his cancer was in remission, but recently experienced a sharp deterioration.

The singer fell into a coma last month after contracting pneumonia, but had raised hopes of survival after making another recovery.



Gibb was married twice, to Molly Hullis from 1968 to 1980, and to author/artist Dwina Murphy-Gibb and is survived by three children; Spencer, Melissa and Robin-John.

He was made a CRE in the

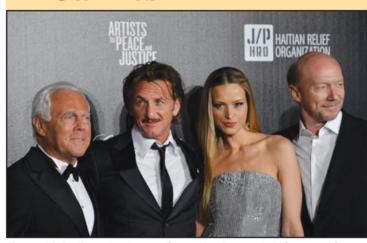
He was made a CBE in the 2002 New Year's Honours List, along with his brothers.



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## Sean Penn urges sex strike for Haiti in Cannes



From L) Italian designer Georgio Armani, US actor Sean Penn, Czech model Petra Nemcova and US director Paul Haggis arrive for an event to raise money for charities working in Haiti, at the 65th Cannes film festival on May 18, 2012 in Cannes.

AFP/Photo

CANNES, France (AFP) - Actor and activist Sean Penn urged a glamorous party of Cannes actresses and glitterati to go on a sex strike unless their men stumped up at a charity auction held for Haiti on

Friday night.

Jessica Chastain and Cannes juror Diane Kruger were among the stars who turned out for a "Carnival in Cannes" fundraiser held by the US actor on the sidelines of the Riviera filmfest, jointly with Italian couturier Giorgio Armani.

"I want every woman in this room, in solidarity with the women of Haiti who have suffered more than any women in the world, to tell the man sitting next to her: 'I am not going to fuck you tonight unless you pay up!'," Penn told the room.

Tickled pink by Penn's out-

Tickled pink by Penn's outburst, his guests at the Agora pavilion by the Riviera festival palace duly paid out a total of 1.3 million euros (1.65 million dollars) to help Haiti recover from its devastating 2010 quake.

Celebrities present included Cannes jurors Jean-Paul Gaultier and Ewan McGregor, Chastain's co-stars in the "Madagascar" franchise Ben Stiller and Chris Rock, as well as Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

Among the lots snapped up, two VIP seats for a U2 concert and a guitar belonging to the band's frontman Bono raised 200,000 euros, alongside VIP seats for the Golden Globes and invitations to meet Monaco's Prince Albert.

Three people spent 100,000 euros each to spend three days with Penn in Haiti, while two portraits painted by Obama's campaign poster artist Shepard Fairey went for 100,000 and 110,000 euros.

Proceeds will go to three aid groups: Penn's J/P Haitian Relief Organization, Artists for Peace and Justice, and Happy Heart's Fund.

Penn, who has been named ambassador at large for Haiti, showed a message of thanks recorded by Haitian President Michel Martelly, playing the piano and singing.

The January 12, 2010, earthquake killed 250,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands. According to UN figures, it killed, injured or displaced one in six of the Caribbean nation's population of almost 10 million.



MANILA (AFP) - Lady Gaga rocked the Philippines Monday, defying critics and state censors as thousands of fans, many of them dressed as outrageously as she was, roared their approval. Despite the protests of conservative Christians and warnings by state censors, Lady Gaga declared "I'm not a creature of your government, Manila". She then belted out her controversial song "Judas", which her Filipino critics have labelled as blasphemous. The city government had earlier warned that her second show on Tuesday night could be banned if the censors among the audience monitored any hints of blasphemy, devil worship, nudity or lewd conduct. Up to 40,000 fans in the Catholic-majority nation paid as much as 15,840 pesos (\$370) each to watch the US singer. Her world tour, "The Born This Way Ball", has been dogged by controversy in Asia, with an upcoming concert in Muslim-majority Indonesia cancelled on police orders for fear of violence from religious hardliners.

AFP/Photo



# Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates from Boston, Massachusetts, residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second too



Gouda Burger 2

chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are made from hand-cut fresh



Rosie and Aaron love their Burger

Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batterdipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stor by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for the owners when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a

#### Bon Dia and Welcome to Aruba!

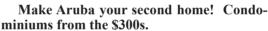


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## Resurgent France remain an unknown quantity



Zinedine Zidane passing Greece defender at Euro 2004

PARIS (AFP) - Underdogs or potential finalists? Dark horses or dead certs? Few teams competing at Euro 2012 are shrouded in as much uncertainty as Laurent Blanc's France.

Les Bleus are unbeaten in 18 games -- a run including friendly wins over England, Brazil and Germany -- but are only ranked 16th in the world, having fallen as low as 27th in September 2010.

They are touted as contenders for the top prize in Poland and Ukraine, but were 12 minutes from the play-offs before a Samir Nasri penalty in their last qualifier at home to Bosnia-Herzegovina secured their place at the tournament.

Their squad will feature players from Real Madrid, Manchester United, Bayern Munich and AC Milan, and yet they insist on portraying themselves as underdogs.

"There will be a favourite --England -- and behind them, the

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three teams all have realistic hopes of qualifying," said Blanc after France were drawn alongside England, Sweden and cohosts Ukraine in Group D.

The reason for France's circumspection is the dark shadow cast by the events of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, which continues to linger over the squad.

Having touched rock-bottom after the training ground strike that brought ridicule on the whole country, France's confidence remains fragile.

Results may be pursuing an upward curve, but there is still some way to go before the wounds heal completely and Blanc has repeatedly warned against the dangers of expec-

"After the trauma of the 2010 World Cup, everyone said that we had to rediscover some humility. And 17 months later, we want to pretty much win the Euro or reach the final.

"It's very good to have ambition, but you can't do it with a magic wand. Yes, we were world champions in 1998, European champions in 2000, and World Cup finalists in 2006. But wake up, stop living

The French media have expressed doubts about France's ability to dominate opposing sides, but February's 2-1 friendly win over Germany in Bremen has made it increasingly difficult to downplay the team's potential.

Germany were missing several key players but France's enterprising victory nonetheless impressive.

The emergence of Lille right-back Mathieu Debuchy has softened the blow of Bacary Sagna's absence through injury, while strikers Olivier Giroud of Montpellier and Karim Benzema of Real Madrid have enjoyed the best

seasons of their careers.

There are concerns at centre-back, though, with Philippe Mexes having spent several games on the bench at Milan during the second half of the season and Adil Rami appearing fatigued after a demanding debut campaign with Valencia.

Franck Ribery, meanwhile, still seems incapable of reproducing the form that makes him such an integral component of the Bayern attack whenever he pulls on the blue shirt of his country.

Blanc has apparently resolved one dilemma, however, by handing the captain's armband to Lyon goalkeeper Hugo Lloris after months of experimentation.

France open their campaign against England in Donetsk in June 11, evoking memories of their opening clash at Euro 2004, when an injury-time Zinedine Zidane brace earned Les Bleus a 2-1 win.

Memorable games have been in short supply for France since Zidane's exit from the international scene in 2006, but no team will relish the prospect of facing Blanc's men this summer.



The Euro Cup 1976 created history when all the four matches ended in extra time and for the first time, the final was decided by penalty shootout. The eventual champion, Czechoslovakia defeated West Germany 5-3, via tiebreaker after the two teams ended in a 2-2 deadlock. Apart from the reigning champions West Germany and host Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Netherlands (3rd) were the other two teams to play the finals. Photo shows when the Czech Antonín Panenka sensationally chipped the ball past Sepp Maier of Germany sealing a 5-3 shoot-out win.

#### Germans ready to build up battered Bayern stars



BERLIN (AFP) - The Germany camp expect to have to rebuild the battered confidence of their Bayern Munich stars ahead of Euro 2012 in the wake of the Bavarians' Champions League final defeat at the hands of Chelsea.

The Blues beat Bayern 4-3 on penalties in Saturday's final after it finished 1-1 after extra time in Munich and

midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger was left distraught when he hit the post with his spot-kick to set-up Chelsea's win.

The miss allowed Didier Drogba to slot home the winning spot-kick and give Chelsea their first European title, while Bayern finish without silverware for a second season with eight of their team due to link Germany coach Joachim Loew up with the German squad.

"Football is sometimes brutal, of course, we are all disappointed and sad," said Germany coach Joachim Loew.

Bayern's Germany stars including Philipp Lahm, Manuel Neuer, Thomas Mueller and Mario Gomez were all left bitterly disappointed, but can expect

plenty of support when they arrive at the Germany camp in the south of France on Fri-

"We have no magic potion that will rebuild everyone at once," admitted Germany team manager Oliver Bierhoff at their pre-Euro 2012 training camp. "There is a process and we have to give the players a few days. We will build the boys up again, the change of air will do them good, with us they can still win the title."

Germany open their Euro 2012 campaign against Portugal in Lviv, Ukraine, on June 9, but face friendlies against Switzerland in Basel on Saturday and Israel in Leipzig on May 31.

The Bayern players will only link up with the German squad after Tuesday's friendly against World Cup finalists Holland at the Allianz Arena.

## Tuesday, May 22, 2012 NBA: Lin's return to Knicks no slam dunk: report

NEW YORK (AFP) - Jeremy Lin, the Asian-American NBA star whose rise to stardom sparked global interest, is not assured of returning to the New York Knicks next season, his agent told the New York Post.

The newspaper reported on Monday that Roger Montgomery does not expect talks over a new deal for Lin to be simple even though interim Knicks coach Mike Woodson said Lin, who becomes a free agent July 1, would "absolutely" return.

"We're not anticipating that's going to happen,' Montgomery said. "We don't have assurances of anything. I know history shows most restricted free agents go back to their team, but I'm not going to assume anything.

"We're waiting to see what happens."

Under league rules, the Knicks can match any offer made to Lin, who made only \$762,000 last season but saw his replica jersey become the NBA's No. 2 seller after he leaped from bench-warmer obscurity to hero last Febru-

Lin, a 24-year-old American whose parents are from Taiwan, became a global sen-

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Tel: 588-9517 / Fax: 588-9518 E-mail: themorningnewsaruba@gmail.com Website: www.themorningnewsaruba.com sation as the first American of Chinese or Taiwanese descent to play in the NBA after he was forced into starting once two Knicks starters were injured.

Days away from being dropped by his third NBA team, the Harvard graduate made the most of his chance. With drives to the basket, pinpoint passes and top shooting efforts, Lin sparked a seven-game win streak for the Knicks.

The phenomenon known as "Linsanity" followed as he remained a key playmaker for the Knicks after the stars returned, although his season ended early after a torn meniscus in his left knee required surgery on April 2.

Lin, who averaged 14.6 points and 6.2 assists for the season, will be sought as a free agent by the Toronto Raptors, the Post reported, citing an unnamed source.

An ongoing arbitration dispute between the NBA and its players union will decide if the Knicks can spend over the salary cap to re-sign players, which would allow the Knicks to keep Lin and seek experienced point more guard.

Should the union lose, the Knicks would need that money to keep Lin and rivals could backload contract offers to push the Knicks beyond the salary cap later in Lin's contract.

Lin's profitability in the NBA's growing Asian market will be critical in the equation, but his performance on the court will likely play the most vital role in judging his value for the Knicks and their rivals.

#### Football: Drogba tells **Chelsea team-mates** he's off: report



PARIS (AFP) - Ivory Coast great Didier Drogba has told his Chelsea team-mates he is leaving the newly-crowned Champions League winners because he doesn't fancy spending time on the substitutes bench, France Football said Monday.

The 34-year-old - who scored the late equaliser and then the decisive penalty in the shootout win over German side Bayern Munich on Saturday - is quoted by the magazine as saying he burst into tears when he told the rest of the squad during their open top bus parade with the trophy on

"We (he and his teammates) will not be together next season," the magazine cited Drogba as saying.

"As I have decided to leave, I wanted to tell them to their

"Only that I couldn't do it.

They made me break down. Even if it has been three years that I have said I wanted to leave, I found it hard to admit that it was finished with me and the club.

"Especially that I had no great desire for this end. But I don't envisage sitting on the bench watching others play at a time when the club is looking at putting together a new team.

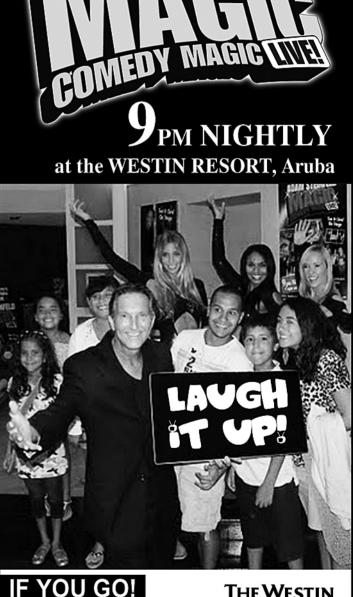
'So there we go, I am readying myself for a great leap into the unknown.

"It will be another adventure," added Drogba, who is out of contract having been at the club since 2004 after joining from Marseille.

English media have linked the Ivorian target man - scorer of 55 goals in his 84 international appearances - with Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua, where his former Chelsea team-mate Nicolas Anelka is player-coach.

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# NBA: Magic fire coach Van Gundy, GM Smith



ORLANDO (AFP) - The NBA's Orlando Magic fired coach Stan van Gundy and agreed to part ways with general manager Otis Smith on Monday after they were eliminated from the first round of the play-offs by the Indiana Pacers.

The Magic finished 37-29, sixth in the Eastern Conference, but struggled after star center Dwight Howard underwent season-ending back surgery even as they reached the playoffs for the sixth year in a row.

"We sincerely appreciate and thank Otis and Stan for all that they have done on and off the floor for the Orlando Magic," said Magic chief executive officer Alex Martins.

"These are the days you dread in this business, but we feel it's time for new leader-ship and new voices."

Three years after losing to the Los Angeles Lakers in the 2009 NBA Finals, the Magic were knocked out in the first round of the playoffs for the second year in a row, a major factor in the decision to seek new leadership at the club.

"The disappointment of getting eliminated in the first round of the playoffs these past two seasons played a primary role in our decision, as we feel our momentum towards winning a championship has paused," Martins said.

The Magic had major issues over keeping Howard, the big man concerned about the talent he was surrounded with in Orlando even as potential trades and free agency deals were reported that would move him to other clubs.

Former Miami Heat coach Van Gundy, who took charge of the Magic in 2007, has a regular-season career NBA coaching record of 371-208, including 259-135 over five seasons in Orlando.

Van Gundy's highlights included guiding Orlando to the 2008 Southeast division title, a trip to the 2009 finals and the 2010 Eastern Conference final. The Magic enjoyed four 50-win seasons under Van Gundy until this season's lockout-shortened campaign.

Smith became general manager of the Magic in 2006 and was made president of basketball operations for the club before the start of the 2010-2011 season. The Magic went 299-177 under Smith's general manager tenure.

#### Tennis: Nadal wins Rome Masters for sixth time



ROME (AFP) - Rafael Nadal won his sixth Rome Masters title in a rain-postponed final against Novak Djokovic here on Monday, defeating the world number one 7-5, 6-3.

It was sweet revenge for a straight sets loss to the Serb in last year's final and the win means that he will move back ahead of Roger Federer at number two in the world rankings.

It was also the perfect preparation for the defence of his French Open title with the tournament due to get underway in Paris on Sunday and takes his career head-to-head with his rival to 18-14 in his own favour.

It meant that Nadal won claycourt titles in Monte Carlo, Barcelona and Rome with his only loss coming in Madrid where he went down to compatriot Fernando Verdasco.

Djokovic failed to win a claycourt title as he prepares to go into Roland Garros where he is aiming to make it four Grand Slam titles in a row after winning Wimbledon and the US Open crowns last year and the Australian Open early this year.

In a final held over from Sunday because of rain, Nadal immediately pounded out two break points on the opening Djokovic serve, but the Serb saved both with powerful backhands.

There were two more break points for the Spaniard in the fifth game as Djokovic made a mess of an overhead smash and Nadal converted the second of these, easily running down a poorly-executed Djokovic drop-shot.

But just as Nadal seemed to be taking command, Djokovic earned his first break point of the match in the following game which he took as an out-of-position Nadal flopped a forehand into the net.

And two games later he had Nadal back-pedalling again with a series of punishing drives from the baseline only for a bad line-call to rob him of a first set point.

Nadal levelled at 5-5 and then, on the back of some stupendous defending, he grabbed a second break of serve and made good on it by outgunning Djokovic in a thrilling exchange of shots at the net.

Still riled by the line-call, Djokovic smashed his racquet at the exchange of ends and was warned by the umpire before Nadal comfortably served out to pocket the first set in 76 minutes.

Nadal took up in the second set where he had left off in the first and he had the Serb scrambling from side to side in a failed attempt to prevent the five-times champion from grabbing an early break.

Djokovic had an immediate chance to get back on level terms in the set but he failed to capitilise on four break points in the next game allowing Nadal to move 2-0 ahead.

The defending champion stopped the rot by holding serve to make it 2-1 and he had two break-back opportunities in the next game only to squander both with unforced errors.

He was made to pay the price for those missed opportunities as Nadal slammed shut the door on his following serves and then broke again to become the first player to win six Rome titles.

